

General Meeting: Friday, 3 February, 7:00 PM Room 123 Consortium Library UAA Campus

Social Meeting: To be announced at business meeting. Also on Club Tape 344-2835 when avail.

PARKAS: Tuesday 7 February, 8:00 PM 3533 Thompson (KL7GLU QTH) 279-1240 for info.

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday 16 February 7:00 PM 820 W. 71st Ave (KL7CC QTH)

Special Board Meeting - ARRL Alaska Convention : Thursday, 23 February, 820 W. 71st Ave.

We now have a firm date for the 1978 Convention to be held here in Anchorage. It will be the 26th and 27th of August, and the convention center is to be the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel, in downtown Anchorage. You will note from the header at the top of the page that there is a special meeting scheduled concerning the convention. This meeting is not limited to just the board of directors, but is open to all persons who have any interest in planning the convention or who would like to offer suggestions concerning things to be done at the 1978 Alaska Convention. Also, now is the time to begin telling all the hams we contact, either in person or on the air, that the convention is coming and to extend a warm invitation to them to join the fun. Many hams in the " south 48 " will be coming to Alaska for vacations this year, and some of them may like to plan their vacations around the convention. As you know, vacation plans are often started early, so NOW is the time to plant the seed in their minds!

The upcoming general meeting is the last chance many of us will have to renew membership in time to make the 1978 roster. The official grace period for delinquent members expires in February, so be sure and renew now. Also, it saves you a stamp if you ante up at the meeting. Olga Watkins, KL7IVA is the person in charge of membership this year. An accurate and complete roster, with your call listed, is sure to be particularly valuable during this convention year.

There have been several inquiries from new novice class amateurs about the " Novice Net ", but not much in the way of offers of NCS assistance from the more experienced hands. KL7FKO has offered, and exactly no one else. You were all beginners at one time or another, and someone helped you get started, now it is time for you guys to return the favor! Contact KL7CC or KL7FKO for more information.

There will be a new Novice License Class starting soon. To be instructed by Herb, KL7BIL and Jim, KL7CC, at the Career Center, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 PM.. Class will begin during the last week of February of the First of March. Pre-registration is a must, and the class is always full. First come, first served. Know someone interested? Have them get in touch with Herb or Jim ASAP. We had 17 successful applicants out of 18 persons attempting the test last time.

The " old " Autopatch has been returned to the 34/94, with a few modifications, and will be available for service until the new model is complete. A few things have been changed, to reduce voice falsing and inadvertent disconnects, and also to allow long distance calls to be placed. First, the digit verification period has been changed to 3 times what it was, so it becomes necessary to hold each tone for a full second before releasing it. To make a toll call, dial the number you wish to call, and wait a few seconds. The operator will come on line and ask what number you are dialling from. Tell her " This is a call over radio patch, and the call is to be charged to : (give her your home number or telephone credit card no.) and the number I am calling from is 276-0000 ." IT IS IMPORTANT TO USE THIS FORMAT AND TO TELL HER THE NUMBER 276-0000 AS THE LAST THING YOU SAY!! Any misuse of the privledge WILL result in immediate termination of your Autopatch authorization for the rest of the year. Remember, each call is limited to 5 minutes. Organize your call before you place it ! Please reduce on the air testing of tone pads as much as possible. The following list of hams have deviation meters available and can assist you: KL7CC, KL7HBW, KL7IKX, KL7IKA, KL7IKK, KL7BIL, KL7JFN, KL7IPO, KL7ISB and of course Tom at reliable .

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